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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DESTABILIZATION PLAN: U.S. INTELLIGENCE
AGENTS PARTICIPATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THAT PORTION
CONCERNING U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS' INVOLVEMENT IN THE
"OFFICIAL" DESTABILIZATION REPORT (SEE PANAMA 6465) WHICH
APPEARED IN THE MORNING PRESS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: PARTICIPATION OF INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.
DURING THE LAST MONTHS A MARKED INTEREST HAS BEEN DETECTED
ON THE PART OF SOME U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WHICH
HAVE SOUGHT BY EVERY MEANS TO INTRODUCE AGENTS INTO
DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN
INFORMATION.

3. WE HAVE DETECTED THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF
ROGELIO A. GARCIA, CHIEF OF SUPPLY, HOWARD AIR FORCE
BASE, WHO WAS FOUND THROWING ROCKS IN THE ARTES Y
OFICIOS SCHOOL; BERNARD LOWELL, MEMBER OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE
INTELLIGENCE, WHO WAS DETAINED OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE WHERE HE WAS HARANGUING STUDENTS TO FIGHT AMONG
THEMSELVES; HECTOR DOWNS, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
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UNIT OF THE 193RD BRIGADE, WHO WAS FOUND THROWING ROCKS ON

CENTRAL AVE. AND LOOTING STORES.

4. MOREOVER, IN VIOLATION OF LAWS IN FORCE, THESE AGENCIES HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO CONSTANTLY MONITORING LOCAL RADIO STATIONS AND COMMUNICATION AGENCIES.

5. ALL OF THESE ACTIONS OBEY THE WISH THAT THESE AGENCIES ARE INVESTIGATING THE DESTABILIZATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT HAS BEEN PROJECTED. (AS PRINTED).

FURTHERMORE, IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT 2 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENTS (VIZ. DEMONSTRATIONS, RIOTS) BEGAN, SOUTHERN COMMAND ORDERED ALL ITS TROOPS CONFINED TO BARRACKS AND PROHIBITED ALL ITS MEMBERS FROM ENTERING PANAMANIAN TERRITORY.

7. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, CHANNEL 8 OF CANAL ZONE TELEVISION BROADCAST FALSE NOTICES WHICH INDICATED THAT 2 BUILDINGS ON CENTRAL AVE. HAD BEEN BURNT.

8. IT IS WELL WORTH NOTING THAT AT NO POINT IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE THERE ATTACKS, OR ACTS OF ANY KIND AGAINST NORTH AMERICAN FACILITIES, NOR WERE ANTI-IMPERIALIST SLOGANS USED. END QUOTE.

9. FULL TEXT OF "OFFICIAL" REPORT WILL BE CABLED SHORTLY.

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